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Today

High:58 Low: 46 Sunrise: 0627 Sunset: 1652

Partly Cloudy



Tomorrow

High: 55 Low: 46 Sunrise: 0628 Sunset: 1651

Partly Cloudy



IKE Honors Plankowner, Two Shipmates

During Burial at Sea Ceremony

By MC3(SW) Holly Whitfill
5 Star Staff Writer

Sailors aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) gathered to commit three shipmates during a burial at sea ceremony yesterday. The deceased were Lt. Sherman Standiford, a plank owner and corpsman stationed aboard IKE; Radarman 3rd Class Donald Smith. who served from 1962-1966 on board the USS Embattle (MSO 434); and Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Warren Pope, who served at U.S. Naval Station Roosevelt Roads. Puerto Rico from 1968-1971.

"It is always humbling to think of how many people have gone before us and served honorably," said Lt. Carl Muehler, one of IKE's Chaplains. "It was a privilege to participate in this ceremony as we honored three shipmates and their service to our Nation and to our Navy."



Capt. Dee L. Mewbourne, IKE's Commanding Officer, receives the Ensign from Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Cameron James on behalf of the deceased's next of kin. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Ridge Leoni)

In earlier days, burial at sea was necessary when a death occurred on board a ship. Today, it is seldom necessary to bury members at sea, except in time of war. On occasion, naval personnel who die ashore, or naval retirees, request a burial at sea.

These requests are honored whenever possible. Such requests are submitted to the naval area commander for approval. If authorized, the date will be determined by the availability of the concerned vessel.

"There was a great deal of time and work put in by the Sailors who participated as well as behind the scenes," said Muehler. "The color guard and rifle team did an outstanding job and were very professional. They spent much time practicing and getting things ready."

The Religious Ministries, Air and Navigation Departments also worked

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Sports Corner

Time Has Come for Klecko to Go Into Hall

By Dave Anderson

Courtesy of the Times Digest

The world is still whirling from the presidential election, but at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the voting process has just begun. The 44 members of the selection committee are reducing the preliminary list of 133 modern-era candidates to 25, from which 15 will emerge for the Jan. 31 ballot that will determine the 2009 induction class. And if enough of those 44 selectors finally do the right thing, Joe Klecko will get what he has long deserved, a bronze bust in the Canton, Ohio, pantheon.

Klecko, a Jets defensive lineman feared by opponents and cherished by his coaches and teammates, has been shamefully ignored in the Hall of Fame voting for more than a decade.

At a muscle-bulging 6 feet 3 inches and 270 pounds during his 12 seasons, from 1977 to 1988, Klecko is the only player to go to the Pro Bowl at three different positions: defensive end and defensive tackle in a 4-3 alignment, and nose tackle in a 3-4 alignment. And if it takes a Hall of Fame offensive lineman to know a Hall of Fame defensive lineman, Anthony Muñoz and Joe DeLamielleure would know.

"In my 13 seasons," Muñoz said in a telephone interview, "Joe is right there at the top of the defensive ends I had to block, up there with Fred Dean, Lee Roy Selmon and Bruce Smith."

Muñoz, an All-Pro for 11 consecutive seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals, is in the Hall of Fame. So are Dean and Selmon, and Smith will be. The defensive pride of the Buffalo Bills despite four Super Bowl losses, Smith looms as a first-ballot choice in the pre-Super Bowl XLIII meeting in Tampa, Fla.

The Jets' defensive unit was known as the Sack Exchange: Mark Gastineau at left end, Abdul Salaam at left tackle, Marty Lyons at right tackle, Klecko at right end.

Of the four, Gastineau, who popularized the sack dance after leveling a quarterback, created the most highlights, but he was never considered a complete player because he neglected his responsibility against the run. To the Jets and to their opponents, Klecko was the man.

"Joe had a certain standard he played by and lived by," said Lyons, the Jets' longtime radio analyst. "To be the best, the strongest, the best prepared."

And to think of team first. When the Jets planned to market Klecko and Gastineau as a twosome for all their quarterback sacks, Klecko objected.

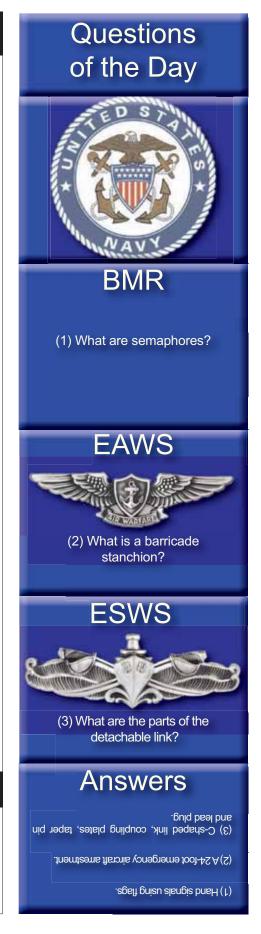
"Joe told them, 'It's not just Mark and me, it's the four of us,'" Lyons recalled, meaning Klecko was also including him and Salaam.

"If Joe Klecko had played one position for 10 years, he'd have been considered one of the top two or three players at that position, whichever one it was," DeLamielleure said. "There's not another player who went to the Pro Bowl at three different positions.

You take a defensive end and put him at nose tackle and he's just as good there, that's a great player. We need to get Joe Klecko in the Hall of Fame."

NOTICE

The Roy Jones, Jr. verses Joe Calzaghe fight will be replayed on channel 10 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.



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Coming to a Newsstand Near You: IKE's Supply's Culinary Specialists

*By MCSN Nathan Parde*5 Star Staff Writer

Three members of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower's (CVN 69) Supply Department's S-5 Division (Hotel Services) will be submitted to be featured in NAVSUP 476, a Navy culinary specialist magazine.

Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Patrick Washington, Aviation Maintenance Administrativeman Airman Diandra Mitchell and Culinary Specialist Seaman Anise Williams will represent IKE.

Washington is October's Hotel Service Culinary Specialist of the Month. In his position as assistant leading petty officer of Hotel Services, S-5, he is responsible for the training and supervision of more than 20 personnel.

Daily duties performed by Hotel Services include maintaining and cleaning more than 200 staterooms, 19 heads and many passageways. They also provide laundry and bedmaking services for department heads, senior officers and distinguished visitors.

Washington is from Idabel, Oklahoma. Since joining the Navy, Washington has served on the USS Nashville (LPD 13); NAS Corpus Christi, Texas; USS Dole (FFG 39); NAS Jacksonville, Fla.; Heli-







From left to right: Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Patrick Washington, Aviation Maintenance Administrativeman Airman Diandra Mitchell and Culinary Specialist Seaman Anise Williams. Their profiles will be submitted to be featured in NAVSUP 476, a Navy culinary specialist magazine. (U.S. Navy photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Rafael Figueroa Medina)

copter Squadron 7; and aboard IKE.

Washington's excellence in providing the hospitality of a five star hotel to foreign dignitaries, distinguished visitors, and officers on IKE has earned him numerous accolades.

Washington's hobbies include fixing old cars, cooking and yard work.

Mitchell is October's Hotel Service Food Service Attendant of the Month. Mitchell graduated from Ware County High School in Ga. on May 18, 2007. Leaving her hometown of Waycross, she joined the Navy two months later to see the world.

IKE is Mitchell's first duty station. She checked into S-5 in July 2008 and is responsible for the maintenance of department heads' staterooms on IKE. Her daily duties include providing laundry and bed-

making service to senior officers.

"Mitchell is very reliable and dedicated to her work," said Culinary Specialist Master Chief (SW/AW) Janie English. "She is always willing to help others out when she is finished with her own assignments."

In her free time, Mitchell enjoys playing basketball and listening to any style of music, with the exception of country.

Williams attended George Washington Preparatory School and calls South Central Los Angeles home. She was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii before attending CS A-School and reporting to IKE.

Williams recently designed a three-sided football schedule that would be placed at officers' table settings on weekends.

The intent was to create a sports bar atmosphere in the Wardroom on weekends for officers to enjoy.

"Each side lists the channels and games which will air at designated times. There are three sides for early afternoon, late afternoon, and evening games," said Williams. "A patron simply looks at the schedules provided on the dinner tables and then he or she sits back to enjoy the games of interest. There are enough televisions to air all of the games at the same time, which adds to the customers' experience."

Williams is an avid reader, writer and practices her literary skills in her spare time.

The release date of the NAVSUP 476 has not been announced, but look for Washington, Mitchell and Williams in future issues. ★

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IKE's Hotel Services Crew Provides "5 Star" Service



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Aviation Maintenance Administrativeman Airman Diandra Mitchell and Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Patrick Washington prepare a stateroom on IKE for distinguished visitors.



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Airman

Diandra Mitchell

Culinary Specialist 2nd Class (AW) Patrick Washington supervises more than 20 culinary specialists to provide "5 Star" accommodations to IKE's guests.





Culinary Specialist Seaman Anise Williams designs unique football schedules for the Wardroom.

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Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SW/AW) Leon Glover Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Program

Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SW/AW) Leon Glover, 40, from Sumter, South Carolina joined the Navy May 22, 1989.

Glover joined the Navy in order to provide for his family and take advantage of the opportunities for further education. He also enlisted to travel and the chance to meet new people.

Aboard IKE, Glover serves as the command's Navy drug and alcohol counselor, providing advice to Sailors regarding substance abuse, and anger and stress management counseling.

Glover hopes to be selected as Chief Petty Officer and is working on his Alcohol Drug Counselor 2 qualification exam

After the Navy, Glover plans to open a private health care practice and help youth in very much the same way he is helping Sailors now.

Glover advises his fellow Sailors to not take anything for granted.

"Enjoy and take advantage of what you have today, in the Navy," he said. "Be grateful for what you have, what the Navy's providing and especially the people around you...You will be much happier if you stick with gratitude than attitude."

In his spare time, Glover focuses on spending time with his family. He particularly enjoys traveling with them. He also puts time aside to work with children as a coach or mentor.

Around the World

An Important Missing Piece in Congo Puzzle

By Jeffrey Gettleman

Courtesy of the Times Digest NAIROBI, Kenya — On Friday, there was an emergency summit meeting here called to bring peace to war-ravaged eastern Congo. But conspicuously absent was the man who started the crisis in the first place: Laurent Nkunda, the rebel general who has threatened to take over all of Congo and whose fighters recently brought central Africa to its most turbulent moment in vears.

"Mr. Nkunda was not invited," said Alan Doss, the chief of the U.N. mission to Congo.

Nkunda's forces have been battling Congolese government troops since August, in a region where violence has raged on and off for the past decade. The recent fighting climaxed last week, when Nkunda's men (and boys, because he uses a lot of child soldiers routed Congolese government troops and were poised to seize Goma, the strategic city in eastern Congo.

The fighting spawned hundreds of thousands of refugees, many of whom were sick, wounded and starving. Nkunda then declared a ceasefire, which the United Nations is desperately trying to keep intact.

It was out of concern that the cease-fire was unraveling and that Congo's problems were threatening to draw in neighboring armies — the kind of international conflict that has devastated the region before — that top U.N. and African officials called the emergency meeting in Kenya. Ban Ki-moon, the U.N. secretary general, flew in

for the talks, and he opened the meeting saying, "This has been one of the worst human tragedies of our time."

The African leaders then signed a multipronged agreement calling for an immediate end to the conflict, and they said that if U.N. peacekeepers could not protect civilians from senseless killing, African peacekeepers would be sent to the front lines.

"We're happy with what we've accomplished," Kikwete said at the end of the meeting.

But Ban seemed less enthusiastic.

"I have come here with a very heavy heart," he said. "There have been many, many meetings."

And, he said, many, many agreements. Nkunda's rebel group dismissed the whole affair.

Ceremony

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behind the scenes getting things set up and supporting the evolution by controlling elevator usage and having the ship be at all stop for the ceremony.

The ceremony consisted of reading scriptures, saying a prayer, the committal and benediction.

Military honors consisted of the firing of three volleys after the benediction, Taps, and the folding and presentation of the Ensign to Capt. Dee L. Mewbourne, IKE's Commanding Officer. The CO received it on behalf of the deceased's next of kin.

"I hope the ceremony brings some comfort to those who mourn the loss of their loved one, and they know our nation appreciates the sacrifices they made during their service," said Muehler.

Active duty members of the uniformed services; retirees and veterans who were honorably discharged; U.S. civilian marine personnel of the Military Sealift Command; and dependent family members of active duty personnel, retirees, and veterans of the uniformed services are all eligible to request a burial at sea.

For more information contact United States Navy Mortuary Affairs at 1-888-647-6676.

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Now Playing on IKE Movies					
Channel 5		Channel 6		Channel 7	
9 a.m.	The Color of Money	9 a.m.	Hollywoodland	9 a.m.	Running Scared
11 a.m.	Back to the Future	11 a.m.	Indiana Jones: Last Crusade	11 a.m.	No Country For Old Men
1 p.m.	First Sunday	1 p.m.	Michael Clayton	1 p.m.	Slap Shot
3 p.m.	The Color of Money	3 p.m.	Hollywoodland	3 p.m.	Running Scared
5 p.m.	Back to the Future	5 p.m.	Indiana Jones: Last Crusade	5 p.m.	No Country For Old Men
7 p.m.	CO's Corner	7 p.m.	CO's Corner	7 p.m.	CO's Corner
7:30 p.m.	Training	7:30 p.m.	Training	7:30 p.m.	Training
8:30 p.m.	The Forgotten	8:30 p.m.	Red Eye	8:30 p.m.	Cool Runnings
10 p.m.	First Sunday	10 p.m.	Michael Clayton	10 p.m.	Slap Shot
12 a.m.	The Color of Money	12 a.m.	Hollywoodland	12 a.m.	Running Scared
2 a.m.	Back to the Future	2 a.m.	Indiana Jones: Last Crusade	2 a.m.	No Country For Old Men
4 a.m.	First Sunday	4 a.m.	Michael Clayton	4 a.m.	Slap Shot

Around the World

Jobless Rate Jumps to a 14-Year High

By Peter Goodman

-Courtesy of the Times Digest

In a sign that American workers may face even more difficult times for many months to come, the nation's unemployment rate last month jumped to the highest level in 14 years, as job losses mounted.

Gloomy enough was word from the government on Friday that a fresh 240,000 American jobs disappeared in October, marking the 10th straight month of retrenchment.

It brought the toll of lost jobs to 1.2 million for the year — more than half in the last three months alone — while the unemployment rate climbed to 6.5 percent. Worse was the sense that little can be done near term to alter this now-accelerating trajectory.

President-elect Obama, speaking at his first news conference since winning Tuesday's election, sounded resigned to inheriting a starkly troubled economy when he moves into the White House next year.

"It's not going to be quick, and it's not going to be easy to dig ourselves out of the hole that we're in," Obama said, calling for swift passage of spending measures aimed at stimulating the economy, including another extension of unemployment benefits.

The economy will probably lose several hundred thousand jobs a month well into next year, taking the unemployment rate to near 8 percent — a level last seen a quarter-century

ago

"The economy is slipping deeper into a recessionary sinkhole that is getting broader," said Stuart G. Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group in Pittsburgh. "The layoffs are getting larger, and coming faster."

The health care industry, mining and public schools were the only sectors that showed more than modest growth last month. Otherwise, losses were deep and broad. Manufacturing jobs shrunk by 90,000, construction by 49,000, retail by 38,000 and the financial industry by 24,000.

The outlook is troubling in part because a new atmosphere of tightness in American banking could prevail for years, crimping economic growth, analysts say.

The worst of the financial crisis seems to have been tamed, but the underlying reality endures: After two decades in which economic growth has been powered by extraordinary surges of borrowed money, a new era of risk-avoidance appears at hand.

In Washington, and in capitals on multiple continents, governments are crafting new regulatory approaches for banks aimed at reining in the sorts of reckless engineering that made capital abundant before bringing the global financial system to grave peril. Whatever the rules, surviving banks seem likely to operate conservatively.



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